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ILA/ACRL Executive Board Meeting February 10, 2006
Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

Present: Rebecca Stuhr, Jean Donham, Betsy Gardner, Ryan Gjerde, John Goodin, Mary Heinzman, Kathy Parsons, Amy Paulus, Barb Robb, Randy Roeder, Kris Stacy-Bates

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m.

Approval of the minutes

Minutes of December 2, 2005 were reviewed and approved. Donham moved to approve, Gardner seconded, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported the following information based on information supplied by the ILA office:

Balance as of 12/31/05	\$4,038.86
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Note: ILA Office erroneously reported balance for calendar year 2004. The actual balance as of 12/31/05 was \$1,758.55

Spring Conference Program Committee

Rebecca Stuhr reported that Executive Board members had approved the following fee structure for the Spring Conference via e-mail:

ILA members	\$50.00
Non-members	\$65.00
Students	\$20.00

Laurie Hews will ask the ILA Executive Board to approve the fee structure, and will report the outcome to John Goodin, our ILA Executive Board Liaison.

The meeting will be held in cooperation with the Iowa Association of School Librarians (IASL). The theme is "High School to Higher Ed: Helping Learners Make the Leap." The keynote speaker will be David Conley, director of the Center for Educational Policy Research at the University of Oregon. School administrators will be able to attend Conley's presentation for free.

Mary McInroy and a subcommittee have prepared the call for proposals, and as soon as the information is posted on the ILA/ACRL Web site, the information will be released to the ILA/ACRL and IASL listservs. Registration information will be posted to the Web site and sent to the listservs soon.

Directory Committee

Kris Stacy-Bates reported that the committee hopes to hand out the new print directories at the Spring Conference. The volumes are expected to cost between \$2.25 and \$3.00 to produce. The last group to produce the print directory advised printing 250 copies. The Board concurred that this would be a reasonable number to produce again and that to the extent possible, costs would be charged to our national ACRL account.

Fall Program Committee

Barb Robb reported on preparations for the fall 2006 ILA meeting that will be held in Council Bluffs. The committee has re-considered its original theme: "Building Richer Consortial Opportunities" and is instead developing a program that deals with the marketing of library services to faculty. A possible speaker is Judith Siess, author of the *Visible Librarian*. The keynote session would be sponsored by ILA/ACRL and the Community College Librarians Roundtable with ILA/ACRL picking up the honorarium.

Given the proximity of the conference to the state border, the follow-up panel will could well include academic librarians or from both Iowa and Nebraska. A third session, co-sponsored by ILA/ACRL, the Community College Librarians Roundtable and Youth Services Subdivision is in the planning. The session is likely to focus on the transition from high school to college, and the honorarium would be the responsibility of the Youth Services subdivision.

Awards Committee

No report. Parsons asked the Board to approve the awarding one scholarship to the Spring Conference to the tune of registration cost and up to \$100 of expenses. The Board did so.

Membership Committee

Mary Heinzman reported that 91 members had renewed as of the end of January. The chapter will again be reserving a booth at the ILA fall conference. Following Heinzman's report, the group discussed the ALA privacy policy that makes it difficult to identify Iowa Librarians who are members of national ACRL.

Electronic Communications Committee

Ryan Gjerde reported on options for hosting the Chapter's website when the IREN server is no longer available to us. The ILA website would present a low to no-cost option, but at least for now, there would be limited interactive capabilities and limited options for customized page addresses. The Board expressed its sentiment to use the ILA Office to host the site with the understanding if should the arrangement turns out to be unsatisfactory, other options would be explored.

Newsletter Committee

Amy Paulus reported that March 1st is the cutoff for submission for the spring newsletter. She still needs the president's and treasurer's report. The issue will focus on advocacy/public relations.

Nominating Committee

No formal report. Kris Stacy-Bates suggested that a box be set up at the spring conference to collect volunteer forms. There was consensus that this was a good idea.

Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee

No report.

Ad Hoc Education Committee

No report.

Ad Hoc Research Committee

Kathy Magarrell submitted, via e-mail, three proposals from the Ad Hoc Research Committee for Board consideration:

New Iowa Academic Research Award

One award per year of two or three hundred dollars maximum to cover expenses for doing research. The research would have to be relevant to academic libraries and be done by an ILA/ACRL member. The research could be in collaboration with someone not in ILA/ACRL.

New Author Award

A cash award given to an Iowa author (librarian!) who published in a scholarly journal for the first time within the past year.

Professional Development Award

Since most institutions reimburse only a fraction of the costs to attend conferences and meetings where scholarly research is disseminated, we could offer one or more cash awards to a new (less than 3 years) librarian to support their research and professional development. (Perhaps this award would be for attendance at other conferences besides ILA conferences?)

The Board discussed the proposals at length, focusing its attention on the presenting an award for the delivery of an outstanding scholarly paper or the publication of an article of exceptional merit. By its very nature, the award would need to be retroactive. If presented annually, it would be awarded for activity occurring in the previous twelve months.

The feasibility of offering several types of awards or a single series of awards was discussed. There was also discussion about the probability of getting a vendor to the academic library community to fund an award. There was general agreement that it would be best to develop a single award, and for the time being, assume that the Chapter would be funding it.

The Board instructed Rebecca Stuhr to ask the Ad Hoc Research Committee to move ahead with developing a single annual award. There are a number of considerations: naming the award, the developing qualifying criteria, creating a methodology for selecting the honoree, and developing a time line for implementation. The development process will need to take place with an eye toward compliance with ILA policy and by-laws.

The Board further requested that the recipient be an ILA/ACRL member and that the award be given at the Spring Conference. Although presented in the spring, the honor would be listed on the list of awards that ILA published every fall. There was consensus that such an award might be in the neighborhood of five hundred dollars and that the task of selecting of honorees would transition to the Chapter's Awards Committee.

ACRL Legislative Representative

John Goodin reported that after a lull of some months, activity on the ACRL legislative network is picking up again. Goodin called attention to the outstanding efforts of Duncan Stewart, an ILA/ACRL member and the chair of the Iowa Library Association's Governmental Affairs Committee.

National ACRL Chapters Council

Amy Paulus reported that the ALA/ACRL national has changed its policy on the permissible uses of chapter allocations. Formerly restricted to printing and mailing expenses, the funds are now available for chapter use for good and services “not prohibited” by ALA/ACRL. Among the prohibited goods and services are travel expenses and honoraria. Paulus has ordered pins and ribbons for the spring conference.

Paulus reported that the national has sent us the Iowa version of the new ACRL logo and that we are allowed to continue the use of the local logo if we wish. Ryan Gjerde pointed out that the new logo is not a particularly good fit, as we are officially part of ILA. With regard to the ILA/ACRL website, there was consensus that Gjerde should use such logos as he deem appropriate. Paulus will use the new logo in the Chapters Council part of the newsletter.

Other Business

Rebecca Stuhr reported on the highlights of the membership survey recently completed by ILA. Among them: fifty percent of the responders have been ILA members for over 10 years; 20 percent of the responders consider themselves academic librarians. Among the most frequent complaints: too much duplicate e-mail.

The Board revisited its previous discussion of the problem of hosting the Spring Conference within the rigidity of the ILA calendar. It still appears that the most workable solution would be to appoint the Spring Conference Program Committee off-schedule from all other committees--beginning in July rather than January. This will require a change to our by-laws and needs to be presented to the membership for a vote at our spring business meeting. The by-laws change will need to be vetted by the ILA bureaucracy.

Kathy Parsons reported on the ILA Conference Planning Committee’s pre-conference offerings for the Council Bluffs meeting. We again have the option of co-sponsoring a pre-conference. The Board elected to continue its tradition of co-sponsoring a pre-conference every other year--effectively eliminating the Council Bluffs pre-conference sponsorship.

The 2007 Spring Conference will take place on March 23 in Grinnell. Mary Heinzman offered to investigate the possibility of hosting the 2008 meeting at St. Ambrose.

Next Board Meeting

April 21st, Iowa City, 7:50 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Roeder
Secretary/Treasurer for ILA/ACRL